

Expiration of DEC's Excavation Dewatering (2009DB0003) and Contained Water (2009DB0004) state permits

Excavation Dewatering Discharges

The Excavation Dewatering state permit authorizing dewatering related discharges, issued in Alaska on March 24, 2009 will expire at midnight March 23, 2014. A permit to replace it will not be reissued before March 23, 2014. Excavation dewatering discharge activities that obtained authorization prior to the expiration date of the permit were issued a discharge authorization letter with an expiration date. Discharges that received authorizations prior to the expiration date of the permit will be permitted to continue their discharge activities until the expiration date listed on the original authorization letter.

Excavation dewatering discharges which are eligible for coverage under permit **2009DB0003** that did not obtain authorization prior to the expiration date of the permit, will not have permit coverage available under the expired permit until it is reissued. Dewatering activities that would meet the eligibility criteria of the expired permit will be able to obtain discharge authorization under a plan approval in lieu of a permit under 18 AAC 72.500. The plan approval process will issue a permit authorization through a standard letter that incorporates permit requirements from the expired permit. Applicants requesting to obtain discharge authorization through this process can submit a request for an NOI to DEC.Water.OPAHelp@alaska.gov, which the applicant can use as an application form to comply with 18 AAC 15 to receive authorization. DEC will use the information taken from the paper NOI form submitted without any fee to issue a discharge authorization in accordance with 18 AAC 15 and 18 AAC 72.500 until the dewatering permit is reissued.

Contained Water Discharges

The Contained Water state permit authorizing contained water related discharges, issued in Alaska on March 19, 2009 will expire at midnight March 18, 2014. A permit to replace it will not be reissued before March 18, 2014. Contained water discharge activities that obtained authorization prior to the expiration date of the permit were issued a discharge authorization letter with an expiration date. Discharges that received authorizations prior to the expiration date of the permit will be permitted to continue their discharge activities until the expiration date listed on the original authorization letter.

Contained water discharges which are eligible for coverage under permit **2009DB0004** that did not obtain authorization prior to the expiration date of the permit will not have permit coverage available under the expired permit until it is reissued. Contained water activities that would meet the eligibility criteria of the expired permit will be able to obtain discharge authorization under a plan approval in lieu of a permit under 18 AAC 72.500. The plan approval process will issue a permit authorization through a standard letter that incorporates permit requirements from the expired permit. Applicants requesting to obtain discharge authorization through this process can submit a request for an NOI to DEC.Water.OPAHelp@alaska.gov, which the applicant can use as an application form to comply with 18 AAC 15 to receive authorization. DEC will use the information taken from the paper NOI form submitted without any fee to issue a discharge authorization in accordance with 18 AAC 15 and 18 AAC 72.500 until the Contained Water permit is reissued.